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1. Supplement to Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47 (2 pgs.) with copy of 11/19/02 letter to inventor Hurst and copy of returned FedEx package (2 pgs.)

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Sir:

Pursuant to the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) filed November 27, 2002, Applicant hereby submits copies of the letter that was sent to the inventor on November 19, 2002 by Federal Express and a copy of the front of the envelope, which was returned to us after three attempts at delivery.

This letter was sent to the inventor, Gerald D. Hurst, at his last known address, 39 Painted Sunset, The Woodlands, Texas 77380.

Applicant submits that the co-inventor, Gerald Hurst, cannot be reached after diligent efforts have been made, and requests that the petition filed November 27, 2002 be granted and this application be filed and prosecuted on behalf of the joint inventors pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.47 (a).

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: US Patent Application No. 09/693,213
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Filed: October 19, 2000
Epoch Reference No.: 116E
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Dear Dr. Hurst:

At Epoch's request, we filed an application for reissue of U.S. patent 5,824,796, of which you are named as an inventor.

To complete the documentation, your signature is needed on the reissue declaration. Enclosed is a copy of the complete application as filed, together with the necessary declaration. If it is satisfactory, please sign, date and return it to me in the enclosed Federal Express envelope by next Tuesday, November 26.

If you have any questions about this application or the declaration, please call me at the above number.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Joel G. Ackerman
Of Counsel

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